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March 20, 2006

Letter of Appeal
Rural Health Care Division
Universal Service Administrative Company
2000 L Street, Northwest, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036

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Re: Funding Year 2004 Service Request for Bradford Regional Medical Center
(BRMC) (HCP#14491)
Appeal letter for service support for FY July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005
Form 466

WC Docket No. 02-60

Dear Administrator:

Bradford Regional Medical Center is requesting an appeal for the rejection of support for FY2004-2005. All information was provided to the Rural Health Care Division in a timely manner. The attachments outline the following series of correspondences that verifies that information was sent to RHCD.

Please see attached:

- e-mail from Donovan Smalls received on 9/29/2005 that states that RHCD received the 466 form information that was missing. We also called 3 times from May through July to verify that information was received.
- Copy of certified mail receipt for follow-up information that was sent to RHCD in August of 2005, in response to email received from Donovan Smalls on August 30th.

Please reinstate our application and Form 466 for processing as stated in earlier e-mail correspondence. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me. My contact information is listed below.

Thank you,

Terry Palmer
BRMC Chief Information Officer
116 Interstate Parkway
P.O. Box 0218
Bradford, PA 16701
814-362-8591
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Thursday, February 02, 2006

Terry Palmer
Bradford Regional Medical Center
116 Interstate Parkway
Bradford, PA 16701

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Subject: Funding Year 2004 Service Request for Bradford Regional Medical Center
(HCP#14491)

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the telecommunications service support program for rural health care providers that the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) administers for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). You were contacted several times by the Rural Health Care Division (RHCD) of USAC that your application for universal service support for the 2004 Funding Year (July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005) required additional documentation in order to be processed. Because we have not received this information we regret to inform you that we are unable to provide any support to you for Funding Year 2004 for the site listed above.

In addition, a copy of this letter was sent to the entities identified below as your servicing telecommunications carriers, if your record indicated a carrier(s).

Telecommunications Carrier Name: Sling Communications
Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN): 143023276

The RHCD recognizes that you may disagree with our decision. If you wish to file an appeal, your appeal must be received no later than 60 days after this letter was issued, starting with the date at the top of the letter. There are two appeal options:

- A. Write an RHCD Letter of Appeal explaining why you disagree with the Funding Commitment Letter and what outcome you request, OR;
- B. Write an appeal directly to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) — skipping Option A — explaining why you disagree with the RHCD's decision. The FCC rules governing the appeals process (Part 54 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations 54.719 – 54.725) are available on the RHCD web site (www.theuniversalservice.org). While you may write directly to the FCC without first presenting your appeal to the RHCD, you are encouraged to write first to the RHCD so that we have an opportunity to review your appeal and grant it, if appropriate.

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Please follow these guidelines when submitting a letter of appeal to the RHCD:

1. Write and mail your letter to:

Letter of Appeal
Rural Health Care Division / USAC
2000 L Street, Northwest, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20038

2. Appeals may be submitted to the RHCD electronically, by fax or by e-mail. E-mail submissions must be submitted to rhcd-admin@universal-service.org. The RHCD will automatically reply to incoming e-mails to confirm receipt. E-mails can be submitted in any commonly used word processing format. Appeals to the RHCD filed by fax must be faxed to 202-776-0080. Appeals submitted by e-mail will be considered filed on a business day if they are received at any time before 12:00 a.m. (midnight), Eastern Standard Time. Similarly, fax transmissions will be considered filed on a business day if the complete transmission is received at any time before 12:00 a.m.
3. Please provide necessary contact information. List the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address (if available) of the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with the RHCD.
4. Identify the rural HCP Name, HCP Number, and Funding Request Number(s) from this letter.
5. Explain the appeal to the RHCD. Please keep your letter brief and to the point. It must identify a problem and why it is being appealed. RHCD support decisions are made by applying non-discretionary program rules to information submitted by applicants, so a letter simply stating, "We appeal the amount of support" provides no information that could lead to a different decision. Please review the information submitted, and explain precisely what alternate decision you believe RHCD should have reached using that information, within program rules. Please provide documentation to support your appeal.
6. Unless you are filing the appeal via e-mail, you must attach a photocopy of the Funding Commitment Letter you are appealing.
7. The RHCD will review all letters of appeal and respond in writing within 45 days of receipt of the appeal. The response will either grant the appeal or will explain why the appeal was not granted.

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5. If the rural HCP disagrees with the RHCD's response, it may file an appeal with the FCC within 60 days of the date the RHCD issued its decision in response to the rural HCP letter of appeal. The FCC address to which a rural HCP may direct its appeal is:

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Documents sent by Federal Express or any other express mail should use the following address:

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
9300 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

The FCC will no longer accept hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings at its headquarters. They will be accepted only at the following address:

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110
Washington, DC 20002

For security purposes, hand-delivered or messenger-delivered filings will not be accepted for filing if they are enclosed in an envelope.

Appeals may also be submitted to the FCC electronically, by fax or e-mail. E-mail submissions must be submitted to CCBSecretary@fcc.gov. The FCC will automatically reply to incoming e-mails to confirm receipt. E-mails can be submitted in any commonly used word processing format. Appeals to the FCC filed by fax must be faxed to 202-418-0187. Appeals submitted by e-mail will be considered filed on a business day if they are received at any time before 12:00 a.m. (midnight), Eastern Standard Time. Similarly, fax transmissions will be considered filed on a business day if the complete transmission is received at any time before 12:00 a.m.

Please be sure to indicate Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 on all communications with the FCC. The appeal transmission must also provide the rural HCP name and HCP number from the letter(s) being appealed, plus necessary contact information, including the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address (if available) of the person filing the appeal. Unless the appeal is by e-mail, please include a copy of the letter being appealed.

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If you have any questions or need help, please call the Customer Service Support Center at 1-800-228-6478, Monday through Friday, 8am - 8pm, Eastern Time. Please have your HCP Number available as a reference.

Sincerely,

RHCO - USAC

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Date: Thursday, February 23, 2006 9:34 AM
From: Terry Palmer <tpalmer@bmtc.com>
To: globalprints@adelphia.net
Subject: Fwd: Form 486

>>> "Smalls, Donovan" <DSMALLS@rhc.universalservice.org> 9/29/2005 2:27:40 PM >>>

Terry:

I have received the additional information for your form 486 however; your form is currently being reviewed. Someone from RHC will get back to you if additional information is needed.

Donovan

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<http://webmail.adelphia.net/webedge/do/mail/message/preview?msgId=INBOXDELIM30...> 2/23/2006

From: <globalgrants@adelphia.net>
 To: <ipalmer@btrmc.com>
 Date: 8/30/2006 2:14:22 PM
 Subject: UNIV Svc Form

Hi Tany -

Attached is the form with the info that was missing - I had already emailed this to Donovan Smalls & called him in May to follow-up - he said that he had all the info.

Can you print out and sign the form (3 page spreadsheet) & attach the invoice (included in the attachments). Stacy Williams will pick this up and send via certified letter - return receipt.

Thanks,
 Jan
 ph.814-434-2970

CC: <swilliams@btrmc.com>, <fambuske@btrmc.com>

<p>1. Article Addressed to:</p> <p>Universal Service Attn: Donovan Smalls Rural Health Care Division 80 South Jefferson Rd. Whippany, NJ 07981</p>		<p>2. Service Type</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Express Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt for Merchandise <input type="checkbox"/> Insured Mail <input type="checkbox"/> COD</p>	
<p>3. Article Number (Transfer from service label) 1700 11 700E 0460 0007 0461 0462 6</p>		<p>4. Restricted Delivery? (Article Only) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	

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